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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference H2216 PCT S3	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/EP2004/008114	International filing date (day/month/year) 20/07/2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 21/07/2003
Applicant TRANSGENE S.A.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 13 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. ☒ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3. ☒ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. _____

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

- b. ☒ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. I **Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence(s) (Continuation of Item 1.b of the first sheet)**

1. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, the international search was carried out on the basis of:
- a. type of material
- ☒ a sequence listing
- ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
- b. format of material
- ☒ in written format
- ☒ in computer readable form
- c. time of filing/furnishing
- ☒ contained in the international application as filed
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purpose of search
2. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
3. Additional comments:

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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A61K38/19

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, BIOSIS, WPI Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	ROCK F ET AL: "OVEREXPRESSION AND STRUCTURE-FUNCTION ANALYSIS OF A BIOENGINEERED IL-2/IL-6 CHIMERIC LYMPHOKINE" ✓ PROTEIN ENGINEERING, OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, SURREY, GB, vol. 5, no. 6, September 1992 (1992-09), pages 583-591, XP000983961 ISSN: 0269-2139 abstract ----- -/--	1,2,5-7, 17-19, 29-31, 34-36

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
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- *X* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
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- * & * document member of the same patent family

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Y	WIGGINTON JON M ET AL: "Synergistic engagement of an ineffective endogenous anti-tumor immune response and induction of IFN-gamma and Fas-ligand-dependent tumor eradication by combined administration of IL-18 and IL-2" JOURNAL OF IMMUNOLOGY, vol. 169, no. 8, 15 October 2002 (2002-10-15), pages 4467-4474, XP002319786 ISSN: 0022-1767 abstract	8-41
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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☒ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
1-41 as far as they relate to fusions of IL-2 with IL-7
and fusions of IL-18 with IL-2
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☒ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

Invention 1

claims 1-11,15-41 as far as they relate to any of the specific combinations of IL-2 with IL-7

Inventions 2-7

claims 1-11,15-41 as far as they relate to any of the specific combinations of IL-2 with any of IL-15, IL-18, IL-21, IL-27, IL-31, or IFNgamma

Invention 8

claims 1-11, and 15-41
as far as they relate to fusion proteins comprising IL-7

Invention 9

claims 1-11, and 15-41
as far as they relate to fusion proteins comprising IL-15

Invention 10

claims 1-41
as far as they relate to fusion proteins comprising IL-18

Invention 11

claims 1-11, and 15-41
as far as they relate to fusion proteins comprising IL-21

Invention 12

claims 1-11, and 15-41
as far as they relate to fusion proteins comprising IL-27

Invention 13

claims 1-11, and 15-41
as far as they relate to fusion proteins comprising IL-31

Inventions 14-19

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claims 1-11,15-41 as far as they relate to any of the
specific combinations of IFNgamma with

- (8.1.) IL-15
- (8.2.) IL-18
- (8.3.) IL-21
- (8.4.) IL-27
- (8.5.) IL-31
- (8.6.) IL-7

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